

**HB 1689-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that the commission may accept, in lieu of all or part of the written examination required in this act, a certificate granted by a national or regional testing organization approved by the commission.

Authorizes the commission to accept, in lieu of the practical examination required in this act, proof that an applicant has satisfactorily completed a postdoctoral dental residency program approved by the commission, of at least one year's duration, in a community health clinic that serves predominantly low-income patients or is located in a dental care health professional shortage area in this state, and that includes an outcome assessment evaluation assessing the resident's competence to practice dentistry. The commission shall develop criteria for community clinics to use when sponsoring students in a residency program under this act, including guidelines for the proper supervision of the resident and measuring the resident's competence to practice dentistry.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.